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## U.S. Is Told Rebels Hint at Viet Cease-Fire

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The United States is receiving unofficial and tentative indications that the Vietnamese National Liberation Front, political arm of the insurgent Viet Cong, might be interested in a cease-fire in the Viet-Nam war.

These hints are coming from Sanford Gottlieb, Political Action Director of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

Gottlieb just returned from Paris and Algiers, where he talked with representatives of the Front and the North Vietnamese government. He is now relaying his impressions to American officials.

In a press conference yesterday, Gottlieb said a de facto, unnegotiated cease-fire might be worked out. Front representatives told him that first the United States should stop bombing North Viet-Nam and Viet Cong areas in South

Viet-Nam and stop sending troop reinforcements.

They implied to Gottlieb that they would respond favorably. But they did not tell him in detail what the Viet Cong would do to observe the cease-fire.

Gottlieb said the Front hinted that a cease-fire could lead to a conference and a negotiated settlement of the war. But he added that there is no way of knowing whether the Front is genuinely interested in negotiations.

As a condition for negotiations, Gottlieb said, both the Front and the Hanoi government insist that the United States accept "in principle" the withdrawal of American troops.

He said they did not insist on withdrawal before negotiations start. He said the precise meaning of "in principle" was not made clear to him by the Front.